

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Michigan Department of Transportation Small Project DBE Goal Setting Pilot Process

Notice is given to all bidders that the following projects in the February 1, 2008 bid letting are part of a pilot process to increase the capacity of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) construction industry in core Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) work items.

63112-84565: M-24 at Hi-Hill Road and M-24 at Moon Road
82131-88469: M-1, Selden to Warren & Ferry to I-94
82151-80379: M-53 (Van Dyke Ave) at 7 Mile Road

These projects have been assigned DBE participation goals that are higher than typically seen for projects of their contract value. However, the goals were established consistent with the approved parameters for the DBE program and the overall statewide DBE goal.

All pilot projects include the following contract requirements:

1. DBE participation information (blue sheets) will be required to be submitted by all bidders on each of the pilot projects within 10 days after the submittal of the bid. This information will assist the department in its evaluation of the pilot process and may be used in the department's assessment of contractor good faith efforts to meet the DBE goals. If a bidder fails to submit the required documentation within the specified time, that bid will not be considered by the department. The results of the bidding process for each pilot project will not be announced until complete DBE participation information is received from all bidders for that project or 10 days after the bid, whichever comes first.
2. Bi-weekly reporting of DBE payments will be required to monitor DBE performance of work and ensure that the stated goals are on target to be met. Reporting will be accomplished by the contractor completing MDOT Form 2124 found in the proposal and submitting it to the department on a biweekly basis.
3. The department will review all subcontracts on the pilot projects to ensure compliance with the contract provisions.

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